

## Local Work Group Development of Local EQIP.

Todd

District FY08 EQIP

**1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:**

Ground water quality, gully erosion, wind erosion, pasture health-grass quality, sheet and rill erosion, surface water quality, forest and woodlot health

**2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:**

All watersheds in Todd County excluding the Long Prairie River and Sauk River watersheds.

**3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.**

Wind erosion, gully erosion, ground water contamination, nutrients and sediment entering surface waters, sheet and rill erosion, pasture health, forest and woodlot health

**4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.**

1. Does the application tract(s) have a minimum of 16.5 feet established grass/woody buffer strips adjacent to all intermittent and perennial streams/ditches, and adjacent to all type III-V wetlands? Distance measured from wetland boundary and top bank of streams/ditches. (5 points)
2. Is the applicant applying for structural practices to control erosion? (10 points)
3. Will this application address NRCS nutrient management objectives such as soil testing, manure testing, application rate and timing, sensitive areas, soils, and field risk assessments? (10 points)
4. Does this applicant have an existing nutrient management plan and have current soils tests by field (no older than four years) and have annual manure source test results (or an established baseline based on prior year tests), and calibrated manure spreading equipment? (5 points)
5. Will this application install practices to address ground water quality? Examples include closure of waste impoundments and well decommissioning. (10 points)
6. Will this application reduce wind erosion on fields growing low residue crops? Example crops include potatoes, edible beans, and corn silage. Example practices include cover crop, field windbreak, cross wind trap strips. (5 points)

7. Majority of application land is located outside the Long Prairie River and Sauk River watersheds? (5 points)

8. Application includes use exclusion and/or livestock stream crossing? (5 points)

9. Application includes woody invasive plant species pest management? (5 points)

**5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.**

**6. Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.**

**7. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document**

None

**The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.**

**This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 08 EQIP. Listed below is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.**

Todd Soil and Water Conservation District, NRCS, Farm Service Agency, Extension,  
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**Kenneth Pesta, Chair Local Work Group**

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**Date**